

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following heading on page 1 between lines 12 and 13:

Summary of the Invention

Please insert the following heading on page 5 at line 6:

Description of Specific Embodiments

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 10 - 18, with the following amended paragraph:

It may be of advantage to split the damping chamber 5 into two damping chambers. To this end, a dividing wall or partition 38 (shown in dashed lines in Fig. 7) extends in particular in the joining plane 23. A catalytic converter 39 may be provided in the dividing wall 28. Instead of the circular orifices, it would also be possible to provide other acoustic links between the interior of the resonance pipe and the resonator chamber. The resonator chamber may also be arranged externally to the muffler housing 2. It might be of advantage to arrange the resonator chamber in the region of the outlet, although it may also be expedient to arrange the resonator chamber in the region of the inlet to the exhaust muffler.